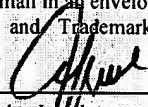


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Prior to examination, please amend this patent application as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claim:

18. A portable, handheld device, comprising:

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